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TAGS: ICTY PINR PGOV PREL SR VI IT

SUBJECT: ICTY: ITALY CAUTIOUSLY SUPPORTS INCREASED PRESSURE  
ON BELGRADE

REF: STATE 146343

Classified By: Classified by David D. Pearce, Political Minister Counselor, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Director of the Balkans Office of the Italian MFA Raimondo De Cardona on September 8.

De Cardona stated that as a member of the Contact Group, Italy was a strong supporter of the ICTY and believed that compliance continued to be an unconditional obligation for the Serbian government. De Cardona agreed that the current Serbian action plan on ICTY needed to produce results and Italy would continue to press for the transfer of Mladic and Karadzic. Italy, however, continues to urge caution on the part of the international community with regard to pushing the current democratic and pro-Western Serbian government too hard simultaneously on ICTY and Kosovo status in advance of possible parliamentary elections in Serbia.

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